

Southam Town Council Newsletter

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TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

My year as Mayor is racing by, already a quarter gone. During that time I have met fellow Mayors in the district and attended social, civic and charity events, both in and around Southam. I have been encouraged by the goodwill of all the people that I have met and by the dedication of those involved in local organisation and enterprises.

The year, as always, started with the Carnival, which was blessed with fine weather and a good range of floats, stalls and attractions in the 'rec', which was looking at its best with its smart new fencing. Replacement of play equipment there has had a setback with the failure to secure a grant to start the process. However, a successful grant plus money from the Town Council has provided a new 'sensory agility trail' on the Tollgate Road play area. The Town Council is working with Orbit and residents of the Mayfield Road estate to provide a much needed play area for 'under 8s there. The Town Council is also working in partnership with other agencies of SDC and WCC together with volunteers and young people to provide better opportunities for recreation available to teenagers within the town.

Despite financial restraints, Southam in Bloom was able to provide stunning baskets and troughs in the centre of the town and are to be congratulated for this. A significant addition to the town has come with the opening of a Tesco store and I hope that the town will benefit from the retail and employment opportunities it brings. The Town Council is anxious to move forward with plans for the town centre development. We do not want this to proceed in a piecemeal fashion but in an imaginative and cohesive way to enhance facilities, retain a library as well as the valued green space in that area.

In spite of mainly 'good news' the whole town has been saddened and appalled by vandalism at the Holy Well, spoiling a valued asset of the town, but while deploring this, we must not allow it to detract from the 'good heartedness' of the majority of Southam residents.

Jane Soni

THE MOP FAIR

Road Closures

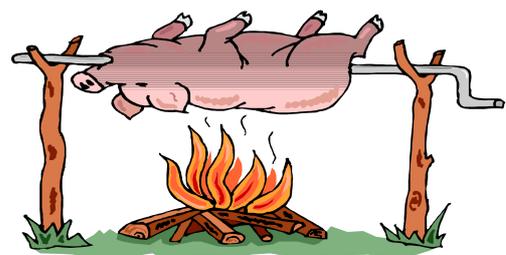
Wood Street Car Park Closure

As in previous years, Coventry Street, High Street, Wood Street and Market Hill will be closed on the occasion of the Mop Fair on **Monday 18th October 2010** from 9.30am to 12 o'clock midnight. During the time of the road closure vehicular access will not be allowed to premises except for emergencies.

The roads will be closed at the following points;
The bottom of Market Hill to allow free movement to traffic from Warwick Road and Oxford Street.
Outside the Bowling Green car park to give access to Heather Close and Meadow Road.
Daventry Street junction with High Street, Pendicke Street, Bull Street and Craven Lane will only be accessible from Daventry Street.
No access to Market Hill from Park Lane
No access to Wood Street car park from High Street or Daventry Street

Stratford District Council has permitted the Mop Fair to use the Wood Street car park from Sunday lunchtime. Please make sure your vehicle is moved from Wood Street car park by 12 noon on Sunday 17th October 2010.

MOP FAIR TO BE OPENED BY THE MAYOR!



The Mayor, Cllr Jane Soni will open the Mop Fair at 3.30pm on Monday 18th October 2010.

FREE rides for all children for the first half an hour!

SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2010

Town Council Meetings now take place on the fourth Thursday of each month



Thursday 28th October 2010
Thursday 25th November 2010
December – Recess – No Meeting

Meetings take place in the Grange Hall, Southam and start at 7.30pm - members of the public are welcome and may speak at the start of the meeting.

SAVE A LIFE—GIVE BLOOD!

Your next blood donor session will take place in The Grange Hall, Southam on Thursday 4th November 2010.



SOUTHAM PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications relating to Southam are now available through the new Southam Town Council website.

www.southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk

For those residents without access to a computer the plans will continue to be available in the library.



COMMUNITY FORUMS

Community Forums are public meetings led by the County Council and Stratford District Council to engage the public in council business.

Warwickshire Police promote 'Safer Neighbourhoods' through the Community Forums. Additionally the Safer Neighbourhood Teams hold a surgery prior to the forum during which time tea/coffee is available.

Your next Community Forum meetings will take place at Southam Primary School on Wednesday 6th October 2010 and Wednesday 15th December 2010

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE COST OF HEATING YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?

Stratford District Council is operating a project, 'Signposts to Healthier Homes' in the east of the district centred on Southam and the surrounding villages. Its aim is to help people to gain access to information and funding to reduce the burden of energy bills. Leaflets with information about help to make your homes more energy efficient through insulation and other alterations as well as sources of financial advice will be available through a range of organisations in and around the town.

Josh Niderost, the Affordable Warmth Officer at Stratford District Council will be co-ordinating contacts between the public and relevant agencies and can be contacted on 01789 260127 to offer advice to the public.

SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CREDIT UNION

HELPING YOU TO MAKE YOUR MONEY GO FURTHER

What is a credit union? A credit union is a co-operative organisation that offers its members a savings and low cost loan service. South Warwickshire Credit Union was started in 1999 and is growing rapidly.

How do I get a loan? Once you have shown you can save regularly with the Credit Union you can apply for a low cost loan (1% per month on the reducing balance) e.g. borrow £100 over a year and pay only £6.58 interest.

Credit Unions are different from banks and building societies because they only lend to members who are regular savers. If you are a regular saver you will almost certainly be offered a loan. The collection point for the credit union in Southam is the **GRAHAM ADAMS CENTRE**

For more information and an application form
Tel 07853 423287

THE GRANGE HALL LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Cotswold Male Voice Choir

Saturday 13th November 2010
7.30pm

A 'Prom Style' evening with plenty of flag waving and favourite tunes including Rule Britannia

In aid of Galanos House
(Royal British Legion Home Southam)

Tickets £8.00/£7.00 over 60s

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Snow White

Saturday 4th December 2010 at 2.30pm

A Traditional Fun Filled Family Pantomime

**Tickets £6.50 adults/£5.50 children
£20.00 family (2+3)**

Includes light refreshments for all!

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Cubbington Silver Band

Friday 17th December 2010 at 7.30pm

A Sparkling Christmas Celebration

**Tickets £10.00/£5.00 children £25.00
family (2+3)**

To include: mulled wine & mince pies
orange juice & biscuits



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Tickets available from The Grange Hall 01926 813933

The Coffee Cup 01926 812288

Licensed Bar open 7.00pm



The Mayor's Civic Dinner

will take place at The Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam on Friday 12th November 2010. There will be a reception at 7.15pm followed by dinner at 8.0'clock.

Tickets cost **£19.00** and are available from the Town Council Offices between 9.00pm and 1.00pm Monday to Friday, or by telephoning 01926 814004 during those hours. The evening is one of the Mayor's events to raise funds for her charities CORD and The Woodland Trust.

The Mayor & Consort, Councillor Jane & Mr Surindar Soni, extend a warm welcome to all those of you who would like to attend and look forward to seeing you there. Carriages at 10.45pm.

This event is self supporting and is not a charge on your council tax.

SOUTHAM CHRISTMAS FOOD & CRAFT FAIR

Following last year's success, the Graham Adams Centre and Bridge Café will host a Christmas Food & Craft Fair on **SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2010** from 12 noon to 3pm. All welcome!

If you would like to exhibit your products at the Fair, please contact Gemma Proctor on scacp@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01926 811519 between 9.30am to 1.30pm Tuesday to Thursday.



Half price booking if you book and pay before 15th October 2010

Why not volunteer for the Bridge Café or Children's Centre— all skills welcome!

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

If you have a large item of household waste that you wish to dispose of Stratford District Council offer a bulky waste collection service. Up to 3 items per household can be collected for a prepaid charge of £25.00 or between 4 and 6 items from £35.00. Collection will be made within 5 working days after your payment and request has been processed.



You can book a collection at www.stratford.gov.uk or by ringing 01789 260616. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, postal order, switch or credit card at any Stratford District Council Offices or you can submit a payment through online payments.

2020 VISION FUNDING

Calling all community groups! This will be the final year of confirmed funding for the Vision Action Group from SDC. The funding, £25000 in total, will only support capital purchases for projects which will be completed by the end of February 2011.

Expression of interest forms will be available from 4th October 2010 and the closing date is 6th December 2010.

Any community/voluntary group in Southam and surrounding villages is welcome to apply and should contact Katherine Geddes katherine.geddes@stratford-dc.gov.uk or call her on 01789 260102 to discuss.

SOUTHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

'**Crime can't flourish in a community that cares**' has always been the motto for Neighbourhood Watch locally and nationally. Southam has had Neighbourhood Watch Schemes for many years and although they may be low key are still operating. There have been changes over the years in policing in and around Southam, many changes that have come about with communications and use of the internet, but Neighbourhood Watch is still relevant in keeping a community spirit alive and making us feel secure in our own homes.

If you have internet access you may view the local Crime Summary from Southam's Safer Neighbour team at the Police station, go to: www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk follow the links to Stratford District and Southam for a regular update. For those unable to access the internet Southam Library keep a hard copy of the recent Crime Summary with the general information about Southam and will also guide anyone through the computer/internet system if they wish to view it online.

If you want to report any suspicious behaviour or crime day or night call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

SWITCH ON



ROAD CLOSURES

The Christmas Lights Switch On takes place on Monday 6th December 2010 at 6pm. Coventry Street and High Street, between Daventry Road and Meadow Road, will be closed to all but emergency traffic between the hours of 2pm and 12 midnight.

SOUTHAM COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Will take place at St James Parish Church and will run over the weekend 11th & 12th December 2010; organisations and business are invited to take part.

Trees of 4/5ft high will be included in the entry fee of £10.00 The theme for this year is COUNTRIES.



For more information Telephone 01926 812148

VANDALISM

Once again Southam has been suffering from a spate of costly vandalism. If you know anything that could help catch those responsible for wasting council tax payers money then please call Southam police station on 01926 812366.

KEEP SOUTHAM TIDY!

The money to pick up all the litter dropped in Southam comes out of your pocket. Help us to keep Southam clean and



LIVING ON THE EDGE

An updated guide to the rights and responsibilities of a riverside owner. If you own land or property adjacent to a river or other watercourse, this guide is for you. It explains your rights and responsibilities as a riverside landowner, known in legal terms as a riparian landowner.

A few hard copies are available from the Town Council office at the Grange Hall or it can be downloaded from www.environmentagency.gov.uk

RAFT, in conjunction with Southam Town Council, is currently exploring the possibility of an early warning system.

Riparian owners watch this space for more information!

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Birthdays,
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Contact Carole at The Grange Hall on
01926 813933

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**NEW MEMBERS ARE WANTED TO SERVE ON
THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT
BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS AND TO GIVE
PRACTICAL HELP AT CONCERTS AND
EVENTS**

Ring Carole or drop in for an informal chat!

Contact Your Councillor	Ward	Telephone	E-mail
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